

Remarks

The Applicants have carefully reviewed and considered the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences' Decision on Appeal mailed July 26, 2005.

By this Amendment, the subject matter of allowable dependent claim 95 is added to independent claim 90; dependent claim 91, 93-94 and 96 are amended to clarify the second recitation of "one of the processing stations"; claims 97 and 102, which were objected to as containing allowable subject matter, are rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims; claim 100 is amended to correct an obvious typographical error in the claim dependency, in that the antecedent basis for "insertion station" is found in claim 94, not claim 99; and claims 95 and 104 106 are canceled. Accordingly, allowable claims 67 to 89, 90 103, and 107 117 are pending in the present application.

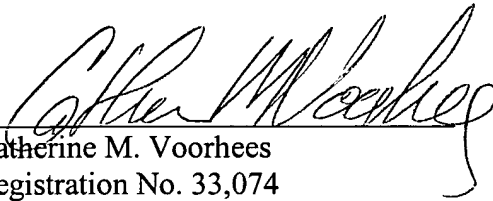
In view of the foregoing amendments and the Decision on Appeal, it is respectfully requested that a Notice of Allowance be issued indicating that claims 67 to 89, 90-103, and 107-117 are allowed over the prior art of record.

The Examiner is reminded that an Information Disclosure Statement was filed on April 25, 2004 submitted patent documents cited in a corresponding European application. The Examiner is requested to consider the U.S. Patents and make the same of record.

Should the Examiner believe that a conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned counsel to arrange such a conference.

Respectfully submitted,

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